

Special Session

Agenda Item #	2
Meeting Date	19 July 2004
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Approved By	Suzanne Ludlow, Community & Gov't Liaison

Discussion Item	Ordinance expanding the membership of the Arts & Humanities Commission
Background	<p>The City Council, upon a review of the qualifications of the applicants under consideration for appointment to the Arts and Humanities Commission, expressed an interest in expanding the size of the Commission. On July 12, 2004, the Council directed staff to proceed with an amendment of the ordinance to allow for additional community representation on the Commission.</p> <p>The accompanying ordinance expands the size of the Commission to a maximum of seventeen (17) persons. The current ordinance allows for the appointment of up to fifteen (15) members. The expansion of the Commission will allow for the appointment of each of the individuals interviewed by the Council on May 10, 2004.</p> <p>The second reading of the proposed ordinance is scheduled for July 26, 2004. If adopted, it would become effective immediately.</p>
Policy	To provide individuals who support the expansion of public awareness of, involvement in, and access to the arts with an opportunity to serve on the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Ordinance Revising the Membership Size of the Arts and Humanities Commission
Recommendation	To hear public comment on the proposed ordinance and to schedule said ordinance for a second reading on July 26, 2004.
Special Consideration	<p>By adding two additional seats on the Commission and maintaining an uneven number of members, the Council is providing for the resolution of issues which, if decided by the entire membership, might otherwise result in a tie vote.</p> <p>A majority of the Commissions and Boards established by the Council have an uneven number of members. The exception is COLTA (12 members) which only occasionally meets as an entire body with its Commissioners serving on three member hearing panels throughout the year.</p>

Introduced By:

First Reading:

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE #2004

ORDINANCE REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP SIZE OF THE TAKOMA PARK ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2003, the City Council of the City of Takoma Park adopted Ordinance #2003-01, establishing the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2003, by Ordinance #2003-06, the Council expanded the size of the Commission from seven members to a minimum of seven and a maximum of fifteen persons; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to expand the maximum size of the Commission to provide additional membership opportunities to interested applicants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

SECTION 1. Chapter 2. Article 6. Boards and Commission, Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission, shall be amended as follows:

Section 3. Commission Membership, Terms of Office, Structure, and Staffing

A) Membership

The Commission shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) and maximum of ~~fifteen (15)~~ seventeen (17) persons to be appointed by the City Council. A minimum of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Commission shall reside in the City of Takoma Park. No organization which is a potential recipient of city arts funding shall have on the Commission more than one person who serves on its board or staff. Every effort shall be made to have a broad and diverse representation of the fine and performing arts community and of local arts and cultural organizations on the Commission.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2004.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

EDITORIAL NOTE – Revisions to existing ordinance are **highlighted** and identified as follows: deletions are ~~stricken~~; additions are underlined.